

SECTION 11. (a) The changes in law made by this Act with respect to an acknowledgment or denial of paternity apply only to an acknowledgment or denial of paternity that becomes effective on or after the effective date of this Act. An acknowledgment or denial of paternity that became effective before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the acknowledgment or denial of paternity became effective, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) The changes in law made by this Act with respect to a proceeding to adjudicate parentage apply only to a proceeding that is commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A proceeding to adjudicate parentage commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding was commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed the Senate on March 24, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2011: Yeas 149, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 17, 2011.

Effective September 1, 2011.

CHAPTER 1222

S.B. No. 516

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 11.131, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

(3) *"Surviving spouse" means the individual who was married to a disabled veteran at the time of the veteran's death.*

SECTION 2. Section 11.131, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) *The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who qualified for an exemption under Subsection (b) when the disabled veteran died is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the same property to which the disabled veteran's exemption applied if:*

(1) *the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran; and*

(2) *the property:*

(A) *was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the disabled veteran died; and*

(B) *remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.*

(d) *If a surviving spouse who qualifies for an exemption under Subsection (c) subsequently qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, the surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the subsequently qualified homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption from taxation of the former homestead under Subsection (c) in the last year in which the surviving spouse received an exemption under that subsection for that homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran. The surviving spouse is entitled to receive from the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the former residence homestead was located a written certificate providing the information necessary to determine the amount of the exemption to which the surviving spouse is entitled on the subsequently qualified homestead.*

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 11.431, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The chief appraiser shall accept and approve or deny an application for a residence homestead exemption, including *an* ~~[a disabled veteran residence homestead]~~ exemption *under Section 11.131 for the residence homestead of a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran*, after the deadline for filing it has passed if it is filed not later than one year after the delinquency date for the taxes on the homestead.

SECTION 4. Section 11.131, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

Passed the Senate on May 12, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 26, 2011, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2011, House granted request of the Senate; May 29, 2011, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2011: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting; May 27, 2011, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 2011, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 17, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2012.

CHAPTER 1223

S.B. No. 530

AN ACT

relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to special agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Social Security Administration and to updating certain references related to the grant of that authority to other federal law enforcement personnel.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (c), Article 2.122, Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The following named criminal investigators of the United States shall not be deemed peace officers, but shall have the powers of arrest, search, and seizure *under the laws of this state* as to felony offenses only ~~[under the laws of the State of Texas]~~:

- (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (2) Special Agents of the Secret Service;
- (3) Special Agents of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- (4) Special Agents of *the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, [and] Firearms and Explosives*;
- (5) Special Agents of *the United States [Federal] Drug Enforcement Administration [Agency]*;
- (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal *Inspection* Service;
- (7) Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division ~~[and Inspectors of the Internal Security Division]~~ of the Internal Revenue Service;
- (8) Civilian Special Agents of the United States Naval *Criminal* Investigative Service;
- (9) Marshals and Deputy Marshals of the United States Marshals Service;
- (10) ~~[Special Agents of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; and~~